**What is Composting Anyway?**

Word on the street is that composting is good for the environment. Your job is to find out what all the fuss is all about and to find out all there is to know about composting. You will then be presenting your findings to the class.

**Success Criteria:**

* Explain what a composter is
* Explain the purpose of creating and using a composting system in your home or school
* Explain how biotic and abiotic factors interact in a composting system
* Include a step-by-step plan on how to prepare for and build your own composter
* Explain how a composting system is an example of a way that humans interact with and impact the environment
* Big, bold and beautiful

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| LEVEL FOUR: Exceeds success criteria expectations by thinking deeply/making complex connections; demonstrating thorough effort |
| LEVEL THREE: Meets success criteria expectations |
| LEVEL TWO: Meets some of the success criteria expectations/ approaching understanding by beginning to explain compost (not fully explaining); demonstrating some/little effort in the overall project |
| LEVEL ONE: Not meeting the success criteria expectations because of either a lack of understanding of composting concepts or not completing parts of the project |

**Due: Monday October 1st, 2012**